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FOR WRAMPELMEIER

1. DEPUTY UNHCR MACE HAS INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF CONTINUING USG SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS AT NKUMBI INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE. 150,000 DOLS. (U.S.) WAS ALLOCATED IN APRIL, 1974 TO UN EDUCATION ACCOUNT FOR NKUMBI, WITH AN ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF 35,000 DOLS. (U.S.) IN DECEMBER, 1974. TO DATE, WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

2. NKUMBI CONTINUES TO OCCUPY IMPORTANT PART OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEE EDUCATION PROGRAM (SAREP). PER REFTTEL A, GRZ WAS TO PROVIDE UNHCR WITH A CERTIFIED LIST OF STUDENTS AT END OF EACH QUARTER. GRZ'S TRACK RECORD
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IN THIS RESPECT HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING, WITH HABITUAL DE-

LAYS OF FROM THREE TO SIX MONTHS BEFORE SUBMISSION OF SUCH REPORTS. DUE TO THIS PROLONGED DELAY, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO KNOW THE SPENDING LEVEL OF A RECENTLY COMPLETED QUARTER (AND THE SUCCEEDING QUARTER AS WELL.) REMAINING

SAREP FUNDS ARE ONLY THEN AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION TO OTHER PORTION OF SAREP. BECAUSE OF THIS DEPENDENCY ON AMOUNT OF RESIDUAL FUNDS, WE UNABLE TO MAKE LONG-RANGE COMMITMENT OF FUNDS TO NON-NKUMBI RELATED ACTIVITIES OF SAREP.

3. REQUEST YOU CONTACT LOCAL UNHCR REP ADVISING THEM TO IMPRESS UPON GRZ THE NEED FOR MORE TIMELY RELEASE OF QUARTERLY REPORTS. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL: (A) ACTUAL COSTS AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS ASSISTED IN 3RD QUARTER OF CY 1975 (IF EXACT FIGURES UNAVAILABLE, ESTIMATES WOULD BE APPRECIATED), (B) ESTIMATED COST AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS FOR 4TH QUARTER CY 1975, (C) ESTIMATE OF AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED TO CARRY PROGRAM THROUGH TO THE END OF CY 1975.

4. WE EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN SEEING THE CONTINUATION OF THIS PROGRAM. SINCE ORM TOOK OVER SAREP IN APRIL, 1974, MAXIMUM NUMBER OF 100 STUDENTS AT NKUMBI AS AUTHORIZED PER REFTTEL A HAS NOT BEEN REALIZED. REFTTEL B REDUCED THIS NUMBER TO 85 FOR THE REMAINDER OF CY 1975. PER REFTTEL C, THERE WERE 54 VACANCIES IN EFL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CLASSES AT NKUMBI LAST JULY. IS THE 331.25 DOLS. (U.S.) DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACTUAL STUDENT COSTS AND THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION PER STUDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH LARGE NUMBER OF VACANCIES?

5. DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MAXIMUM CEILING FOR STUDENTS AT NKUMBI REINSTATED AT 100 LEVEL FOR CY 1976. WOULD AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PER STUDENT BURSARY LIKELY ACHIEVE THIS? IF GRZ'S QUARTERLY REPORTS IN CY 1976 ARE DELAYED AS THOSE OF CY 1975 HAVE BEEN, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING IN ADVANCE A QUARTERLY ESTIMATE OF NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND COSTS WHICH WILL BE INCURRED BY THEM FOR NEXT SUCCEEDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUARTER, THROUGHOUT CY 1976. KISSINGER

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